

MT. VERNON CITY COUNCIL
Council Minutes
November 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Weston Frank, with the following council members present: B. Hohbach, D. Anderson, D. Renken, D. Maltsberger and D. London. Also present: Maint. Officer G. Deinert, and Fin. Officer L. Mayclin.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited to begin the meeting. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated. Motion by Maltsberger, second by Renken to approve the agenda.

The following people were in attendance for public participation: Robert Hoffman, John Blasius, Herb Tollefson, Marge Mathers, Diana Descombaz, Charlene Larson, Albert Overweg and Loren Brech. All public attendees had concerns regarding zoning. The specific main concern was that the city council may decide to allow the county to handle our zoning. Frank noted that county zoning is only one of the options on the table. Several specific issues that result from not having the city zoned were discussed. One such problem is that in the past we have had one resident accidentally build a garage, shop or fence on someone else's property, because they weren't required to have a survey and building permit prior to building. Anderson said maybe we should consider requiring proof of survey to build. However, this would require that we enforce building permit ordinances, which is difficult without having a full-time city office. Zoning conversations have been ongoing for many years, and the council assured everyone that prior to making a final decision on it, they would hold a town meeting to answer questions and get feedback from the residents, as well as discuss pros and cons of zoning. The residents in attendance were encouraged to please consider this issue and give any ideas they have as a possible solution.

Motion by London, second by Anderson to approve the following consent items as is for October: Financial Statement, General Fund Balances, and Credits Report/Bank Statement. The council minutes for the October meeting were also approved with the following correction. Item 2 under new business should have read: According to CorTrust, in order to avoid service charges, the account must be used at least once a year (not month, as stated.) Monthly bills were approved later, after amending the budget.

BILLS:

	General	Water	Garbage	City Tax	Sewer	Debt	Description
Weston Frank	170.85						Oct wages
Dan London	60.03						Oct wages
David Anderson	60.03						Oct wages
Dave Renken	60.03						Oct wages
Brett Hohbach	60.03						Oct wages
Connor Powell	60.03						Oct wages
Darin Maltsberger	60.03						Oct wages
Ardis Overweg	510.98						Oct wages
Gene Deinert	2,879.12	230.87					Oct wages
Laura Mayclin	1,287.24						Oct wages
MV School	75.00						rent
Davison Rural Water		5,997.65					water
SD Retirement	502.66						retire
Verizon	64.32						util
Santel	246.23				45.44		util
Northwestern Energy	858.01	67.23		28.49	249.09		util
Petrik			2,659.30				garb
Daily Republic	406.20						publ
Dept of Revenue			192.77				sales tax
CorTrust	1,580.06	38.26					941
Menards	362.31						supplies
MVG&O	260.94						gas
SD One Call	10.08						locates

SDML Workers Comp	2,962.00		Insurance
SDPAA	127.48		Insurance
SD DOH		181.00	Lab
Elan City	5,849.00		Speed Signs
Westy's	89.44		Fuel
Benders		460.00	Maint
Morgan Theeler	42.60		Legal
Dakota Pump		137.76	Repair
Dakota Two Way	21.92		Repair
Firesteel Service	53.24		Maint
Laura Mayclin	61.17		Travel
Carquest	31.96		Repair
Scott Supply	31.24		Repair
Campbell's Supply	451.24	239.97	Repair
Mustang Welding	308.44		Repair
Meyers	463.15		Maint
J&W Marketing	160.00		Mgmt
The Library Store	206.24		supplies

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Hall is getting really busy. We currently have several things scheduled including a vendor fair, old-fashioned Christmas, piano recital, blood drive, and family Thanksgiving. We also have a faulty light on the Historical Society side, which is being looked at.
2. The grant announcement, if we secure it, for Railroad Street should be announced this month. We are still working on culverts and gravel and hoping this will be complete in the coming weeks. Once the gravel is down, photos will be submitted to FEMA for our claim.
3. The Mt. Vernon Economic Development Group has not sold any more homes at this time.
4. Zoning was discussed during public participation portion of the meeting.
5. There is no news on Code enforcement this month.
6. The speed signs are up and running. They will be adjusted to match the speed zone during school traffic times.
7. We are almost finished with the FEMA procedures for debris removal and Railroad Street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deinert report: We received a proposal for the purchase of the pump, which council agrees is necessary for future emergencies. We recently used our equipment, labor and chemical to spray for mosquitoes at Fish Lake. Council agreed on an amount (\$600) to bill them to cover expenses. Deinert will be taking vacation in February.
2. Mayclin report: A collection company has been selected to assist with collecting delinquent accounts on properties that have been abandoned. There are currently 4 claims that have been filed on the city's insurance for the flood event. Mayclin will be taking vacation at the end of November.
3. Motion by Anderson, second by Maltsberger for the first reading of the following Amended Budget 2019 Ordinance: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Mt. Vernon, that the following sum is supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality: General Government: Board Department: Board Salaries \$500.00, Publishing \$500.00. Total General Government \$1,000.00. Public Works: Highway & Streets Department: City Maintenance Salary \$5,100.00, Repairs & Maintenance \$25,000.00. Total Public Works: \$30,100.00. Health & Welfare: Economic Development Department: Community Development \$3,000.00. The Hall: Repairs & Maintenance \$200.00, Utilities \$700.00. Total Health & Welfare: \$3,900.00. Total Appropriations: \$35,000.00. Source of Funding: Undesignated Fund Balance \$35,000.00.
4. Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve the above mentioned bills.
5. Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Wermers Lounge and Westy's.
6. Due to a Davison Rural Water rate increase, the City will have the following rates beginning in February,

billed as of January 31, 2020: The new monthly flat rate bill for up to 5,000 gallons of water, trash service and sewer service will be \$89. Additional water will be billed at \$4.75 per thousand gallons. So the monthly flat rate increase is \$2.00.

7. Per Renken, the alleyway discussed at the August 12 meeting still needs to be addressed. We have a rock quote, so the neighbors need to have a meeting to discuss it. Renken and London will address with them.
8. Hohbach gave a quote for installing an emergency generator at The Hall. This generator could be used in case of future emergencies where residents are displaced and need a place to stay. The cost of a 8kw generator with a transfer switch is \$6,200 installed (equipment price is \$3,000.)
9. No executive session was necessary.

Please note: the next meeting will be held on December 9 at The Hall.

Motion by Renken, second by Hohbach to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Weston Frank
Mayor

Laura Mayclin
Finance Officer

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